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A NEW adopted inland walk through the Blackdown Hills is to be called The Apple Trail.

A member of Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce came up with the idea of an inland walk and it was brought to the attention of Jenny Brown, who is the new tourism councillor for East Devon District Council.

Councillor Brown said: "East Devon has two main routes - The Coast Path and The East Devon Way. West Dorset has five. The East Devon Way and the Coast Path both run east - west and broadly parallel to one another. A north-south route would interconnect and give opportunity for circular routes.

"The East Devon Way does a wonderful job of showcasing the impressive

natural landscapes of East Devon, this new walk would complement the offering as The Apple Trail promotes small businesses and communities, passing accommodation providers, local shops and 18 rural pubs. The trail passes through two AONBs and meanders through 17 of our beautiful villages and hamlets built of local stone, thatch and cob, reflecting the geology and traditional land use of the area, historical and architectural interest would be highlighted along the way.

"Why Taunton to Sidmouth through the Blackdown Hills? This route is a good length at approximately 60 miles. A serious walk, but not a slog. The intervening countryside is highly attractive, but largely unappreciated by the tourism industry, so

there is scope and capacity. Both Taunton and Sidmouth have plenty of accommodation and good transport links.

"The name has been chosen as apple production is synonymous with Devon and Somerset, as is cider. Our part of the world is associated with many notable apple varieties. Orchards are still common in this area and the proposed route passes by and through several.

"We are looking at the possibility of introducing community orchards along the route.

"Choosing the route has been done over quite a period of time. It is not the shortest route between Taunton and Sidmouth. It is designed to maximise the economic benefits to the communities on the route, to optimise the en-

joyment of the walker, to keep them as safe as possible, and to allow dogs to exercise, in many cases, off-lead. Steep slopes and muddy paths have been avoided.

"We have three representatives chosen to take the walk forward, myself, Duncan Gray on behalf of the Blackdown Hills Business Association and Richard Eley on behalf of Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce."



■ MORE than 90 competitors took part in the annual Skills of the Hills hedge laying competition, organised by the Blackdown Hills Hedge Association.
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Rural broadband provider installs first cabinets in Blackdown Hills

A LANDMARK day has arrived for people living and working in the Blackdown Hills as Gigaclear, the ultra-fast rural broadband provider, has installed the first pure fibre broadband cabinets in the region.

These cabinets will shortly connect surrounding properties to the UK's fastest broadband network purely via fibre, which will provide access to Internet speeds of up to 1,000Mbps for both uploads as well as downloads, the downloads being up to 33 times faster* than the UK average.

Gigaclear is investing approximately £2.5million in the Blackdown Hills area to deliver ultrafast broadband to 2,000 properties as part of the company's commercial rollout strategy.

Joe Frost, business development director at Gigaclear, said: "This marks the start of a hugely exciting time for residents and businesses who live and work across The Blackdown Hills. The area is now at the centre of the largest pure fibre broadband network deployment planned in the UK, which includes the BDUK contracts awarded to Gigaclear for areas within the Connecting Devon and Somerset rollout.

"The first customers in the Blackdown Hills will be able to benefit from up to 1,000Mbps for uploads and downloads within approximately 12 weeks, ending the frustrations from slow, unreliable and unpredictable rural broadband. This purely fibre based communications infrastructure will future-proof all those connected giving a giant leap forward for those who relish living and working in rural Devon and Somerset."

The first cabinets have now been installed in the village of Churchinford and parish of Upton, meaning that homes and businesses in these areas will be among the first in Devon to be connected to a 1,000Mbps ultrafast fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) network.

Graham Long, Upton parish councillor, said: "Fast broadband is an essential utility for all modern businesses and families. In October 2014, Upton Parish was told by BT that superfast (24Mbps) broadband could be supplied to the Parish if residents were prepared to pay £500,000 to have a fibre cable laid to the BT cabinet in the centre of Upton.

"Today, thanks to Gigaclear, residents in our parish, including Rawridge, Upton and Smeatharpe will soon be able to access up to 1,000Mbps pure fibre broadband without any contribution to the network build costs.



■ UPTON parish councillor Graham Long (left) with business development director at Gigaclear, Joe Frost (centre), and county councillor Andrew Leadbetter at the first Gigaclear Ultrafast Fibre Broadband Cabinets installed in the Blackdown Hills (photo courtesy of www.paulnichollsphotography.com)

There is no question that access to Gigaclear's state-of-the-art fibre technology will help secure the future economy of these and other Blackdown Hills villages."

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter, Cabinet member for economy and growth for Devon County Council, added: "This full fibre project will deliver a tremendous boost to the broadband speeds of residents and businesses across the Blackdown Hills. It will be instrumental in driving growth and will deliver a welcome boost to the local economy.

I'm very pleased to see independent suppliers like Gigaclear making significant investments in world class

broadband infrastructure in rural Devon, and I'm also very pleased that they've won four contracts under the next phase of the Connecting Devon and Somerset programme".

Residents and businesses interested in receiving Gigaclear's ultrafast broadband service can find out more at www.gigaclear.com/can-i-get-it. Customers that sign up to the service will not be charged until the service is live in their property.

* Based on Ofcom's review of UK broadband speeds published 1st December 2015.

Brewery raises more than £2,000 for Poppy Appeal

OTTER Brewery has once again raised more than £2,000 for The Royal British Legion as part of their ongoing annual support for the Poppy Appeal.

The total was reached through sales of Poppy Otter - a winter beer specially created for the occasion by Head Brewer Keith Bennett and sold in West Country pubs throughout November and December.

Otter is now into its 27th year as a family run Devon brewery and says they are proud to support a number of local charities including The Royal British Legion, Hospiscare, Devon Air Ambulance and The Exeter Foundation as well as many grass sports clubs.

Across bars in Devon, Dorset and Somerset, every time a pint of Poppy Otter was poured the brewery donated 5p straight to charity. A cheque for £2,035 has now been presented to the RBL Devon County Chairman Kevin Jeffery.

Director of Otter Brewery, Patrick McCaig commented: "A big thank you once again to all our drinkers who did their bit in helping the Poppy Appeal continue the great work they do. We've now proudly supported this charity for the last eight years and share a very close personal affinity with the values they hold dear. The fact that our beer can help raise money for them is a great feeling."

Community fundraiser for Devon, Carol Arnold, said: "Otter already do a lot of fundraising for other charities and communities that they care about and we feel privileged to be one of them. We can do something really significant with this donation and look forward to developing our continued association with them in the future."



■ ROYAL British Legion Devon community fundraiser Mary Ann McCaig, county chairman Kevin Jeffery and Otter Brewery director Patrick McCaig

Exhibition celebrates local landscapes

AN exhibition which opened at the Museum of Somerset in Taunton in March celebrates the work of a group of artists who worked in the Blackdown Hills at the beginning of the 20th century.

'A Fragile Beauty: Art on the Blackdown Hills 1909 to 1925' showcases the work of The Camden Town Group, which captured the beauty of the Blackdown Hills during a period when the First World War was changing English society forever.

The Camden Town Group, led by Walter Sickert, was named after the London district where many of the artists lived and worked. Initially, they painted contemporary urban life, but later they were drawn to the countryside, especially the Blackdown Hills.

Inspired by the example of the impressionists and post-impressionists, artists such as Spencer Gore, Charles Ginner and Robert Bevan created Somerset and Devon landscape paintings of great freshness and immediacy.

"They came to Applehayes, Clayhidon, as the guests of Harold Harrison, an estate owner and amateur artist,"

Tom Mayberry, chief executive of the South West Heritage Trust, explained.

"The Blackdown Hills were remote and artistically unexplored when they arrived there and their paintings are a wonderful celebration of landscape.

"Though the world they knew was so different from ours, many of the landscapes and buildings they painted have hardly changed."

The Museum of Somerset has to rely entirely on loans from other museums and from private collectors. Loans include Spencer Gore's 'Applehayes' from the Ulster Museum, and Charles Ginner's 'Landscape with Farmhouse' from Manchester Art Gallery. The exhibition also includes works from private collections that have rarely been seen in public. The exhibition runs until July 8th and entry is free of charge.

Some associated events are running in conjunction with the exhibition, as follows:

'Celebrated but Seedy: The Life of Walter Sickert' on Thursday, April 27th, 7.30 pm, at the Museum of Som-



erset - a talk by Richard Kay, art historian and director of pictures at Lawrences, Crewkerne, on the life of Walter Sickert, costing £15 per person including cheese and wine. Booking is required via the museum on 01823 255088.

'Beauty and The Blackdowns - A Family Fun Day' on Saturday, April 29th, 11am to 4pm at the Museum of Somerset - a free family fun day based around the history, heritage and archaeology of the Blackdown Hills, the landscape which inspired the Camden Town artists.

'Talk and Tea: The Blackdown Hills - A Landscape of Patterns and Pictures' on Friday, May 12th, 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the Museum of Somerset - Linda Bennett, Blackdown Hills AONB Manager, will give a talk on the landscape of the Blackdown Hills and why it's special, costing £5 per person.

'In the Footsteps of the Camden Town Artists' on Sunday, June 18th, 10.30am at Clayhidon - explore the landscapes and buildings of the Blackdown Hills which feature in the paintings of Camden Town Group. Local naturalist, Gavin Saunders, will lead a walk through the valley around Applehayes and Ringdown in Clayhidon to look for echoes of the artists' work for a suggested donation of £5 per person. Booking is required via the AONB on 01823 680 681.

■ A WOMAN was taken to hospital with serious injuries following a crash near Clayhidon.

The incident occurred at the Clayhidon/Ford Street crossroads on March 2nd.

Police were called to the scene at 9am, where they found two cars to be involved in the collision.

An ambulance also attended the scene and took the injured woman to Musgrove Park Hospital.

■ THE Beehive, Thelma Hulbert Gallery and Toast in Honiton have joined forces to host a spring fair on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am to 5pm.

This will be a family event with a band and selection of craft stalls, which will be held across the joint venues of Toast, Beehive and Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton.

Local craftsmen and women, artisans and local businesses are invited to have a pitch at the fair. The pitch fee is £25. The organisers will be promoting the event widely in the town and local communities.

Contact Gemma at Thelma Hulbert Gallery if you are interested in more details on 01404 45006.

■ A TALK on wildlife photography will take place later this month.

Award-winning natural history photographer, Liam Marsh, will be sharing his insights into the technology and techniques used to capture wildlife on camera.

Liam's work has taken him from his home on the Blackdown Hills all over the world in his quest to create captivating photographs of the natural world using the latest technology.

The talk will take place on Wednesday, April 26th at Churchinford Village Hall (TA3 7RG). The talk, to include refreshments, will begin at 8pm and is free, but booking is essential. Phone 01823 681 935 or 01823 681 937 or email info@blackdownhillsnaturalfutures.org.

■ FOLK musicians Hazel Williams and Dave Greenshields will be giving a concert in Dalwood later this month.

They will be performing at Dalwood's St Peter's Church on Wednesday, April 26th at 10.30am.

The concert forms part of the monthly half hour coffee concerts to raise money for charity.

Entry is free and coffee and biscuits will be served. A retiring collection will be taken for Shelter Box. For more information phone 01404 831 280.



■ THE volunteers of the Clayhidon branch of Cancer Research UK served up 100 big breakfasts in the parish hall on March 11th, raising £1,200 for the charity. Pam Reynolds started the Clayhidon Big Breakfast with Margaret Wenham 15 years ago, using a two burner stove in the church rooms. They are still running it and this year's event was more successful than ever, just beating last year's record sum.

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Children dress up for World Book Day

CHILDREN and staff from Plymtree C of E Primary School, part of the Culm Valley Federation, recently celebrated the 20th anniversary World Book Day by dressing up as book characters.

The day started and ended with a book sale run by the Year 6 pupils in aid of World Book Aid International. Donated books were sold to children and parents in four categories - pre-school, school age, teen books and adult books.

The whole school then went to church in their costumes for the weekly service and, at break-time, pupils took part in a whole school costume parade around the playground followed by a huge photo session.

All the classes spent the day completing

book-related activities, including Pine Class drawing book character selfies, and studying fables from around the world, while Oak Class focussed on the story 'Suki's Kimono' by Cheiri, completing artwork using a cherry blossom tree, often linked to Japanese decorations and symbols, and we wrote their names in Japanese. Ash Class wrote poems based around the book 'Handa's Hen'.

Headteacher Alex Cutler said: "It always astounds me how much effort and thought the children and staff put into their costumes and related work. We were very fortunate to have such beautiful weather for the parade, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day."



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■ YEAR 6 children from Plymtree C of E Primary School were thrilled to be presented with their leavers' hoodies by head of school, Alex Cutler. Mrs Cutler commented: "This is a much anticipated event and the children are feeling so proud to wear their sweatshirts with their names on the back. The children will be able to wear the sweatshirts embellished with the new logo as part of their school uniform until the end of July when they move on to secondary school."

Blackdown Woodland Ramblings

By John Greenshields

WE seem to always have some new tree disease, there is currently an outbreak of chestnut blight.

Sweet chestnut blight is caused by a fungus called Cryphonectria parasitica, which gets into the trees through wounds or graft sites. Although oak trees suffer very little damage if they are infected by the fungus, they can spread it, so restrictions on movements of oak material are also required as a precaution.

Sweet chestnut blight was found in Devon in December 2016, initially south of Exeter. You may have seen articles in the forestry or local media about this. As a result of related survey and tracing work, the Forestry Commission has now identified another zone in Devon and one in Dorset where restrictions are required. For more info go to southwest.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

On a brighter note healthy trees are coming out in bud, and by the time you read this spring should be here. This is a great time to inspect your young trees that are still in

tubes or spirals by pulling up the tube to expose any mouse or vole damage. Please do not use wound paint, wound paints and dressings claim to prevent rot and help trees heal from pruning wounds, but research suggests that they actually do more harm than good.

When you cut off a tree limb, or the bark gets damaged, the tree never actually 'heals'. Instead, it compartmentalises the wounded area with a special type of calloused wood – like a scar – that keeps out bacteria and helps the rest of the tree. Use an organic fungicide as this will also discourage voles and mice. Look for root damage and cover it up but not with straw as this will encourage more creatures.

The Blackdown Hills Trust (www.theblackdownhillstrust.co.uk) will be putting out their butterfly cards as last year in various outlets (see website), these have been very useful to butterfly conservation for monitoring some of the failing species, so please pick one up.

Blackdowns clubs and organisations

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Clayhidon Friends

AT the March meeting of Clayhidon Friends, Clare Warren of Neal's Yard Remedies in St James Street, Taunton, came to talk to the group about the company and the products they produce.

The company was founded in 1981 in Covent Garden by Romy Fraser. She produced handmade herbal tinctures and natural skin care, as an apothecary originally. The popularity of the products grew and premises all over the country were set up.

In 2006 Romay sold the company to the Kindersley family, who remain the owners today. They are very

keen to continue Romy's original ethos of educating people to help themselves with the natural products.

The eco-friendly factory in Dorset now supplies Neal's Yard Remedies across five continents. The use of recycled glass in the trademark dark blue bottles is used to preserve the products. There are no paraben elements in the products. There is constant research carried out there by people educated in this science, maintaining up to the minute knowledge. To date, they have planted 700 trees towards helping the environment.

Members learnt what some of the products do and were fascinated that frankincense was used by the Egyptians in the mummification process, and a gift from the Three Kings to Jesus. It is still valued for its aged delaying properties. It is sourced now from trees in North Africa, where the sticky resin is harvested without damaging the tree.

Other beautiful creams are made from such things as rose, which along with hydrating the skin, has a sebum balancing effect on the skin. Many more natural things are used too.

The expert advice you are given and the time taken to discuss with you are part of the process of ensuring which is the right product for you. You can ask for little pots of samples before buying the product. Along with the shop floor in Taunton there are treatment rooms above giving a variety of things such as

massage, facials, pilates and yoga.

The group were fascinated by Clare's talk and were interested that, along with her work in Taunton, she is available for treatments from her premises just outside Hemyock.

A lovely homemade sponge cake was provided by Tina Barns and a beautifully moist carrot cake, also homemade, was supplied by Margaret Prettyjohn. Both went down a treat whilst members chatted with Clare and our fellow members and Clare afterwards.

Clayhidon Friends is an informal group and always eager to provide a warm welcome to new members. They meet in Clayhidon Parish Hall on the second Thursday of the month.

The next meeting on April 13th will include a talk by Rhoda Lock from the Conquest Centre, Horse-riding for the Disabled.

Transition

A PERSONAL question but do you rent your home, lease your car, or make monthly payments to buy your washing machine and television?

The old way of doing things was to buy your home, purchase a car outright and to buy consumer goods such as refrigerators, washing machines and home electronics.

A problem with the non "bricks and mortar" side of consumption is that when it is superseded by something better, you end up binning these items and they become scrap or worse landfill.

So what about a better way of doing things? An enterprising lady called Isla Roundtree has come up with a concept of recycling children's bicycles. Her company is called Islabikes (islabikes.co.uk) and she will rent a bike out until that item is either worn out or no longer fit for purpose (due to outgrowing this size).

The reasoning for this is that Islabikes will be responsible for that bike and will, upon its return to the factory, recycle the whole of the bike's components into rebuilding them into a "new" one.

As raw materials may become scarce and expensive, this will change the way that manufacturers deal with the public.

Just imagine if we changed the way we did business with the manufacturers of cars, washing machines and other white goods and consumer electronics. Much would depend upon these manufacturers designing their products for easy repair, reasonable monthly costs and ultimately recycling of all component parts.

The Islabikes website is well worth a visit and you should watch her three minute video for inspiration. So what are you waiting for?

Hemyock WI

PRESIDENT of Hemyock WI, Lynn Taylor, welcomed members to the March meeting in Forbes Lounge.

Richard Shepherd had come to demonstrate the art of origami, and as he was going to Cornwall after the meeting, he was allowed to start before the business part.

Richard is charming and clever, and soon had all the ladies making colourful paper baskets, chicken and flowers. He judged the paperweights brought for the monthly competition, awarding first place to Julia, second to Annette and third to Mary. There was

tie for the Flower of the Month prize, between Cindy's tulip and Barbara's iris.

Names were taken for those attending group meeting in Halberton and the lunch at Taunton College. A delegate is required for the Spring Council Meeting in Torquay.

Lynn said that after the annual meeting next month, members would be making poppies for the Devon County Show project. Barbara Hole has given the 70 poppies she has knitted to the WI, so that is a good start.

The competition will be for a flower ornament plus, of course, a real flower.

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Skills of the Hills marks 20th anniversary



■ COLIN Clutterbuck picks up the Percy Duck Challenge Cup from farmer Philip Short. Below, Martin Vickery at work



MORE than 90 competitors took to the hedges of Alston, near Axminster, to take part in the Blackdown Hills annual Skills of the Hills hedge laying competition.

Organised by the Blackdown Hills Hedge Association (BHHA), this year saw the 20th anniversary of the competition.

A total of 91 competitors means the competition is now the second biggest in the country.

In all, 530 metres of hedge was laid on land at Chubbs Farm, Alston, by permission of Bill and Philip Short.

Results were as follows:

Open - 1st Colin Clutterbuck from Bristol, 2nd Willow Drew, 3rd Chris Chivers; Intermediate - 1st Jon Sibthorp, from Bridport, 2nd Martin Vickery, 3rd Hayley Dorrington; Pairs - 1st Heath and Lynda Cregan, from Cullompton, 2nd Stuart Curtis and Simon Cullingford, 3rd Ed Gaines and Tom Willcox; Novice - 1st Tarn Aitken from Churchstanton, 2nd Neil Gemmell, 3rd Mandy Woodham.

Richard Hooker, from the BHHA, said: "The quality of the work in all classes was exceptional. Judge Roger Parris said the quality of the hedgelaying in the novice class was the best he had ever see at that level of competition. The winner, Tarn Aitken, had only been hedgelaying since February 2017."

As well as hedgelaying there were a whole host of rural crafts and skills demonstrated throughout the day.

■ THE National Hedgelaying Championship is coming to the West Country this year.

It will be at Stourhead in Wiltshire on October 28th. The best hedge layers in the country will be competing in 10 different regional styles.

There will be more information on the National Hedgelaying Society website at hedgelaying.org.uk very shortly.

Photographs courtesy of Jacquie and Ray Coppard and Kairen Hooker



■ TARN Aitken came first in the novice category and, below, Heath and Lynda Cregan won the pairs category



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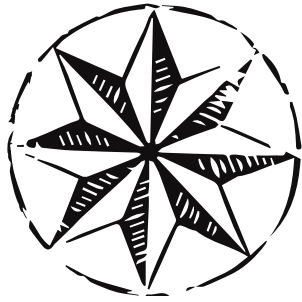


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The Honiton & District Agricultural Association hold their 127th show on Thursday, 3rd August 2017.

THE Grand Parade is one of the many highlights of the main ring activities where the day's livestock winners proudly parade. The 2017 main ring will be a hive of activity; fantastic acts including Bold-dog Lings Freestyle Motocross Team, Honda's official and the UK's number one motorcycle display Team. "The Sheep Show" is back with its humorous, educational, live stage show all about sheep, 9 breeds will be present and not to miss is the sheep shearing and their "dancing sheep"! Honiton are extremely excited to welcome Joseph's Amazing Camels to the Main Ring, the camels and jockeys are specially trained by Joseph and Rebecca Fossett and wear fantastically colourful Arabian style outfits to add pizzazz! As well as racing, the camels are on display all day so the public can meet these marvellous animals and learn more about them. We also have the amazing Ridgeside Lurcher Display, the lurchers race at full speed chasing an electric lure, a fast, action-packed demonstration with an informative and humorous commentary by Phill Gibbons. The highlight is a race between the lurchers and a hawk, a fantastic and exhilarating spectacle, not to be missed! The public are also invited to have a go with their own dogs – whatever their breed! A very exciting attraction is making a flying visit to Honiton – two thrilling aerobatic displays performed by Viper Aerobatics flying a beautiful Pitts aeroplane.

The lower field incorporates all that is countryside with hurdle making, ferret racing, a blacksmiths guild and a trip down memory lane with a vintage tractor section with nearly 100 vehicles on display. Honiton plays host to the West of England Hound Show, a show within a show, which attracts a huge following countrywide. There is the wonderful dog show comprising both pedigree and fun classes for the pet pooch. We have entertainment in abundance for children with Professor Twistopher's Punch and



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what's on in and around the Blackdown Hills

Choir in concert at Uffculme church on April 1st

LOCAL choir Spirit II Spirit are in concert at Uffculme Church on Saturday, April 1st.

The singers came together in the aftermath of the sell-out oratorio production of Andy Hague's 'Christ Crucified' at the Beehive in Honiton three years ago.

Over the past 30 months or so the chamber choir has gradually developed its standard and repertoire. The choir specialises in less well known music broadly from the

classical repertoire with an accent on spirituality.

Choir members come from a variety of backgrounds; a few are professional standard musicians, but a majority have a limited musical background so it is a true community choir who sing for the love of singing beautiful and meaningful music.

Spirit II Spirit will be staging a charity concert at St Mary's Church, Uffculme on April 1st at 7:30pm. The programme will include Renaissance polyphony, such as the delightful Todo Quanto Pudo Dar by the 16th century Spanish composer Guererro, American shape note songs, contemporary works by Ola Gjeilo and Morten Lauridsen and much more beside.

The choir will be raising money for the Nalwanza school in Uganda to contribute towards the new girls' hostel and sixth form block.

Recent events at Upottery and Colyton have been extremely well received; audiences have commented on the evident enjoyment of the singers, the blend of harmony and the way in which the director seeks to put the audience at ease and set each piece in context.

Andy and his wife Jo used to live in the Axe Valley but they are currently searching for a house in Uffculme to be closer to family who live at Croyle.

Until 2010 Andy was a music and performance studies teacher at Richard Huish College; their grandchildren attend Uffculme School and Kentisbeare Primary school.

Please mark this date in your diaries and come to St Mary's to support this fledgling choir. Entrance is free, however, there will be a retiring collection for Nalwanza school.

Award for gallery

THE Thelma Hulbert Gallery has won Best Family Event for its contribution to the 2016 Get Creative Family Arts Festival, with its event Halloween Party

The annual Get Creative Family Arts Festival is a national festival offering families an extraordinary range of arts activities to enjoy right across the UK.

Voted for by a panel of expert judges from the arts sector, the commendations recognise the outstanding events that took place within the 2016 festival and the exemplary family-friendly organisations and venues that participated.

THG joined 736 other organisations in delivering events as part of the festival, which took place throughout October 2016.

Around 500,000 family members attended one of the 4,000 festival events held across the UK.

THG opened the gallery from 5pm to 9pm for an after hours family Halloween event.

The garden was illuminated with pumpkins and red hanging paper lanterns, there was pop-up cocktail bar in fairy-lit gazebo and local food stalls.

Children enjoyed a treasure hunt and participated in a workshop making their own bat boxes to take home. Inside the gallery space was a DJ playing family-friendly tracks and free scary-face-painting alongside a community exhibition featuring Eduardo Paolozzi-inspired artworks created in family and schools workshops.

New photography exhibition

A NEW exhibition – 'Beyond the Lens' – featuring the work of internationally renowned photographer, the late Roger Mayne has opened at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton.

Striking Devon scenes feature in the exhibition including local locations such as Luppitt.

Mr Mayne took the photographs for the Shell Guide to Devon from 1975, which was written by his wife, the playwright Ann Jellicoe.

'Beyond the Lens' also features photographs taken by Mayne from the 1950s to the 1970s which were hung in a barn at his home in Lyme Regis.

From a London street scene to exotic landscapes, they are large-scale photographs shown in their original, fragile state.

Roger Mayne (1929–2014) famously captured the lives of the children and residents of Southam Street, West London in the Fifties and Sixties.

These photographs led to him becoming one of Britain's most important post-war photographers.

His work has been exhibited widely including both at the V&A and the National Portrait Gallery, London.

Angela Blackwell, THG Curator, added: 'I have always been captivated by Mayne's observations of

post-war London life, so for me, having the opportunity to bring his work to THG is a huge honour.

"The artworks in this exhibition give a fascinating insight into the breadth of his inspiration.

"I am delighted to bring the personal collection of such a renowned photographer to a new audience."

The exhibition continues until April 22nd.



■ Roger Polley (fellow artist), Angela Blackwell (THG Curator), Katkin Tremayne (Roger Mayne's daughter) and David Hibberd (Roger's friend) at the opening of the 'Beyond The Lens' exhibition



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MAR 4	2 DAYS	A WEEKEND IN STRATFORD & EVESHAM...	£75.00
MAR 4	8 DAYS	ITALY CLASSIC LAKE GARDA...	£445.00
MAR 5	5 DAYS	WINTER WARMER - PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK...	£239.00
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MAR 13	5 DAYS	SHOWTIME IN NORTH WALES...	£265.00
MAR 13	5 DAYS	LAKE DISTRICT ALL INCLUSIVE...	£275.00
MAR 15	5 DAYS	DUBLIN INCLUDING THE ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE...	£319.00
MAR 18	2 DAYS	A WEEKEND IN CHELTENHAM & GLOUCESTER...	£79.00
MAR 19	6 DAYS	SCOTLAND... SPRINGTIME IN THE HIGHLANDS...	£315.00
MAR 20	5 DAYS	YORKSHIRE WINTER WARMER...	£235.00
MAR 23	5 DAYS	JERSEY BY AIR...	£389.00
MAR 25	2 DAYS	WEEKEND IN SOUTHAMPTON & THE NEW FOREST...	£79.00
MAR 27	5 DAYS	SPRINGTIME IN TENBY...	£235.00
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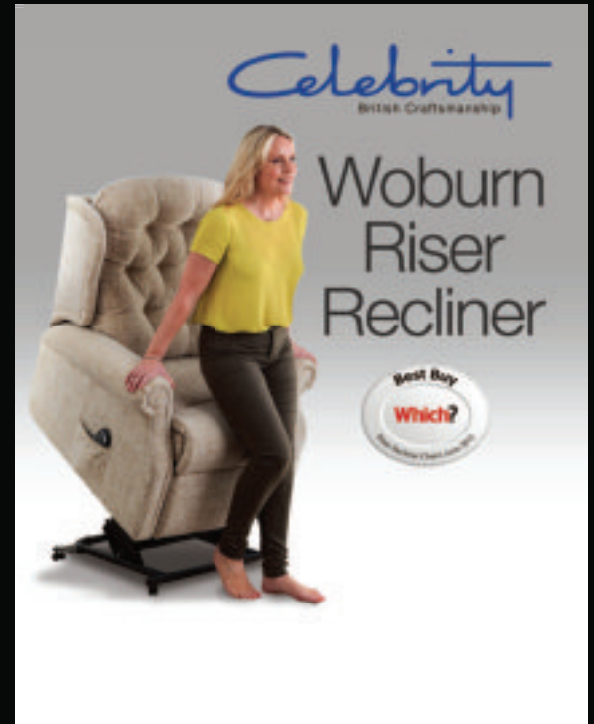
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